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For : GUIDEWIRE ADVANCEMENT SYSTEM

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add Claims 24-27 as follows:

-24. A method of advancing a flexible guidewire to a desired intracorporeal location using only one hand, comprising the steps of:

(A) providing a flexible guidewire and a casing holding the guidewire, the casing being formed in a loop, having an outlet for the guidewire, and defining an aperture on the casing to expose a portion of the guidewire and through which the exposed length of the guidewire can be manually engaged;

(B) with only one hand grasping the casing and with at least one finger of the hand manually engaging the exposed portion of the guidewire through the casing